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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2983*

House Bill No. 2980

By deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

Section 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the state's bail bond system.

Section 2. The special committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the house of representatives committee on the judiciary and three (3) members of the senate committee on the judiciary to be appointed by the respective speakers.

Section 3. The special committee shall, at a minimum, in its deliberations consider the following:

- (a) The fairness and equity of the state's bail bond system, including an assessment of possible discrimination in its application;
- (b) The public safety problems the bail bond system presents;
- (c) The use and possible regulation of bounty hunters as bail enforcement agents; and
- (d) Alternatives to the current system.

Section 4. The various state departments shall provide assistance to the special committee upon request of the chair.

Section 5. All legislative members of the special committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and provided that they remain duly elected members of the General Assembly.

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Section 6. The committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

Section 7. The special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports to the One-Hundred First General Assembly prior to the adjournment of its 1999 session, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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